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FOR: Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT: CITYWIDE WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS REPORT

The *Citywide Weekly Report* highlights various activities throughout the City for the week. Consistent with our mission to ensure equal access to opportunity, education, and quality of life for every man, woman and child regardless of their race, religion, age or socio-economic status, this report will work to organize our weekly achievements so that we can measure and maximize our management and performance toward reaching our goals. It is our intent that this report will help to improve communications about the programs and services provided to both the City Council and the community.

Please feel free to contact the Public Affairs Department with any questions.

MAJOR WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

Public Utilities

Wastewater Recognized by Central San Joaquin Valley Section of the California Water Environment Association

- The City of Fresno's Wastewater Management Division was recognized by the local section of the California Water Environmental Association (CWEA). The recognition awards ceremony and CWEA new board installation banquet took place January 19 in Lemoore. Awards were presented to Jerry Duggan (Mechanical Technician of the Year), Frank Rascon (Electrical/Instrumentation Person of the Year) and Rick Staggs (Supervisor of the Year). In addition, the Fresno-Clovis Regional Wastewater Reclamation Facility was recognized for Engineering Achievement of the Year, Plant of the Year-Safety and Plant of the Year.

UPCOMING EVENTS and PROJECTS

Personnel

- The first Drop in Dialogue of the year is scheduled for Tuesday, January 30th. Administrative Manager Gary Watahira and Training Manager Melany Felton will present a "Coaching Refresher Info Session." This no-cost and no-registration lunchtime seminar is being offered to give interested employees a "behind the scenes" look at the Coaching Refresher training similar to what their own Supervisors are attending.

WEEKLY NEWS

KEY RESULT AREA: PUBLIC SAFETY

Fire

- From January 19 through January 25 at 1445 hours, fire crews responded to 577 incidents.

KEY RESULT AREA: RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Personnel

- The Federal Transportation Administration advised Risk Management that the City of Fresno is now in complete compliance with all applicable Federal regulations pertaining to its administration of the required Substance Abuse Management Oversight program. This program pertains to the City's drug and alcohol testing of employees who are defined as being "safety sensitive".

KEY RESULT AREA: EDUCATION

Public Utilities

Used Oil and Filter Recycling Interview at KBIF

- Recycling Program staff, participated in a live Hmong language interview at KBIF radio about recycling used motor oil and filters.

Master Gardeners Learn More About Landscape Surveys

- January 24th, Water Conservation was invited to speak to the Master Gardener's Program about the landscape surveys and related information.

KEY RESULT AREA: CUSTOMER SERVICE

Parks and Recreation

Fresno Connect

- Parks, Recreation and Community Service (PRCS) opened the 9th Fresno Connect site this week at the Pinedale Community Center in North Fresno. The press conference went well and Council Members Calhoun and Duncan joined the event to help PRCS kick-off several new North Fresno park projects.

Free Books

- The youth at Dickey Playground now have the opportunity to get excited and learn about the world through books. PRCS established a Read Fresno free book library at the Dickey Neighborhood Center this week. Youth in the area can now read books at the center or take one home to keep.

Airports

Incentive Program

- The City Council unanimously adopted a Scheduled Domestic Air Services Incentives Program. The domestic program is intended to encourage new, non-stop passenger air services, in jet aircraft of not less than 50 seats, to and from any US cities that are not currently served through Fresno Yosemite International Airport on a non-stop basis. The landing ramp fees of qualifying flights, and rent for any incremental terminal space required to support flights would be waived for 120 days. New entrant airlines as well as the airlines already serving FYI are eligible for the program.

FAX/Transportation

FAX Hosts Caltrans Workshops

- On Tuesday, January 23, 2007, FAX hosted the “2007 Division of Mass Transportation – Federal Transit Grants Workshops,” sponsored by the Division of Mass Transportation – Federal Grants Program. The workshops featured Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU), Coordinated Plan, and Vehicle Procurement. In addition, eight State Contract Vehicles were on display at the FAX facility. This event was open to all interested public transit agencies, planning agencies, human services transportation providers, district staff, and tribal governments. There were approximately 50 participants who attended the all-day event.